NAMES.

A.

G. Οφιογλωσσον.

L. Ophioglossum.

I. Lingua serpentina

G. Nadder-Zunge.

F. Langue de Serpent

S. Lengua serpentina.

D. Adder Tongh.

ADDER'S TONGUE.

PARTS USED.

The whole Plant.

PREPARATIONS.

None

PLACE.

Meadows, and other moist Places.

TIME.

May and June the Roots remain in the Ground.

DESCRIPTION.

From a small fibrous Root arises one thick, fat Leaf 1. without Ribbs or any apparent Veins; smooth, shining, of a middling green a little inclining to yellow. From the Hollow at the Bottom of the Leaf, arises a small Stem, of the same Colour; which is the Seed-Vessel or Tongue 2. being neatly ribbed from Side to Side.

VIRTUES.

It dries without heating, given inwardly in Powder, or the Juice for Wounds or Bruises; if made into an Ointment by boiling in Oil or Lard, it is used against Inflammations, fresh Wounds, Ulcers &c.

As the Growth of Plants depends on Moisture, Dryness, Warmth, Cold, open or close, sunny or shady Situation; the Height or Size of Plants, Flowers or Fruits, must be various and uncertain.

T. Sheldrake delin. J. Basire junr. sculp.